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The Annual Meeting.

The Eightieth Anniversary of the American Peace Society on May 12, a full account of which, including the speeches, is given in this issue, was an occasion of exceptional significance. How William Ladd, the founder of the Society, would have rejoiced, had he been present, over the immense advance which the cause has made in eighty years, an advance which even his penetrating, prophetic eye was not then powerful enough to foresee. The speaking at the dinner in the evening, by Dr. James Brown Scott, Dr. John H. DeForest, President Mary E. Woolley and Rev. Walter Walsh of Dundee, Scotland, could not well have been better. One hundred and ten guests were at the tables, and marked interest and enthusiasm characterized the exercises. There was a general feeling that the cause for which the Society has so long labored is rapidly reaching its culmination, and that the victories already won furnish the most powerful incentives to the largest possible service in the days before us. Is it not altogether reasonable, as things are now going, to expect that another eighty years will see the extinction of war?

We desire to call special attention to the changes made at the annual meeting in the constitution of

the Society. The annual membership contribution was reduced from two dollars to one. This was done in order to make it easy for persons of modest means to become members. Thousands of men and women of this class throughout the nation are deeply interested in the cause and wish to be connected with it. It was believed that this reduction in the fee would increase the number of members four or five fold. We hope that all those who have heretofore given two dollars a year will feel inclined to continue to do so, or to make some of their family or friends members. A sustaining membership was also created at five dollars a year. There will doubtless be a large number of friends of the cause who will wish to be enrolled as sustaining members, and thus assist in increasing the Society's funds so that it may adequately meet the ever-growing demands made upon it. The life membership fee remains, as heretofore, twenty-five dollars.

Another important provision was introduced into the Constitution. It was provided that the societies hereafter organized in affiliation with the American Peace Society shall be Branch Societies, whose members shall be direct members of the American Peace Society. The membership fee in the Branch Societies will be one dollar, one half of which is to be paid to the American Peace Society, in return for which the ADVOCATE OF PEACE shall be furnished to the members of the Branch Societies.

In these various ways the Society, which has had a long and most influential career, hopes immediately to increase many fold its constituency and the scope of its work. The time is ripe for a great harvest, and if all our members and friends do their duty in their own neighborhoods and circles we shall see results the coming years which will fill us all with wonder and delight.

The Mohonk Arbitration Conference.

The Fourteenth Conference on International Arbitration was held at Mohonk Lake, New York, May 20 to 22. The attendance was larger, if possible, than ever before, the great Mountain House being filled to its utmost capacity. Mr. Smiley's fine hospitality seems to grow more generous and magnanimous as he grows older. He gives one the impression of feeling depressed that he can have as his guests so comparatively few of those engaged in the arbitration and peace movement.